

ASHLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 26, 2026

Board Officers Present

- President: Len Piasecki – Present
- Vice President: Sandy Hansen – Present
- Secretary: Ashlie Newcomb – Present
- Treasurer: Mary Dreas – Absent

Board Members Present

- Trustee: Kathleen Janvier – Present
- Trustee: Amber Kabat – Present
- Trustee: Jennifer Mason – Present

Library Director / FOIA Officer

- Nicole Mischke – Present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Len Piasecki.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Three officers and two trustees were present. A quorum was established.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Sandy Hansen
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

V. Approval of Financial Report

- Motion: Sandy Hansen
- Second: Kathleen Janvier
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

VI. Public Comments

Representation from Invenergy was present and gave a presentation regarding a new renewable battery station that will be voted on soon in Washington County and placed in Radom.

VII. Correspondence

- None.

VIII. Library Director's Report

- None.

IX. Old Business

- None.

X. New Business

Review and Determination of Nonresident Fee

- Remains \$40.00 annually.
- Motion: Sandy Hansen
- Second: Amber Kabat
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Discussion and Possible Approval of Request to Use Library Meeting Space

- Motion: Sandy Hansen
- Second: Jennifer Mason
- Outcome: Denied unanimously

Discussion and Consideration of Fine-Free Policy

- The library remains fine-free.
- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Sandy Hansen
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Business Credit Card

- The Library Director, Board Vice President, and Board Treasurer are authorized to use the library credit card.
- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Sandy Hansen
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Letter of Resignation

- The Board accepted the resignation of the Library Assistant.
- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Amber Kabat
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Review of Employee Evaluation Results and Salary Increase Recommendations

- The Board approved a \$2.00 per hour wage increase for the Library Director and a \$0.50 per hour wage increase for the Library Substitutes.
- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Jennifer Mason
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Appointment of Two Trustees to Conduct Clerk's Audit and Financial Accounts Audit

- Audit to be held July 28, 2026, before the meeting.
- Motion: Sandy Hansen
- Second: Amber Kabat
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Board Reorganization (Effective July Meeting)

- President: Len Piasecki
- Vice President: Sandy Hansen
- Treasurer: Mary Dreas
- Clerk: Ashlie Newcomb
- Motion: Kathleen Janvier
- Second: Jennifer Mason
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

XI. Discussion Items

- Illinois Heartland Library System

XII. Items for Next Agenda

- Clerk's Audit
- Financial Report Audit

XIII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Amber Kabat
- Second: Sandy Hansen
- Outcome: Approved unanimously

Next Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Ashlie Newcomb
Clerk, Ashley Public Library Board of Trustees